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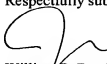
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- ☒ 3. The references 3-5 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 5. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 4 are attached hereto.

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